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servation. Painful are the sensations which attend such a discovery ; unwilling to trust the seas again, we exclaim,

.....Miseri quibus
Intentata nites : me tabulâ sacer
Votivâ paries indicat uvida ;
Suspendissè potènti
Vestimenta maris Deo.

Such are the disappointments to which human nature is subjected, in the search of what was designed one of greatest its consolations. But we ought not therefore to be too much discouraged, or consider it impossible to form a sincere and lasting friendship. It is true, that friendship is a plant of the most delicate nature. In order to flourish, it requires the most assiduous culture. And this is as it ought to be. Nature does not impart her commonest benefits without some exertion, and shall we look for the richest boon of Heaven without the trouble of deserving it.

This subject may be concluded with the following extract from a favourite author.

L'attachement pent se passer de retour, jamais l'Amitié. Elle est un échange, un contrat comme les autres, mais elle est le plus sain de tous. Le mot d'*Ami* n' a point d' autre corrélatif que lui-même. Tout homme qui n'est pas l'ami de son ami est très-sûrement un fourbe car ce n'est qu'en rendant on feignant de rendre l'amitié, qu'on peut l'obtenir.

C. E.

For the Belfast Monthly Magazine.

QUERE ?

I WAS walking early this morning in my garden, and on looking at a Strawberry bed, was struck with the beautiful appearance of the serrated leaves, every one of

which had on each of their *acute angles* a globule of water, while no other part of the leaf showed any moisture. and the whole leaf was thus surrounded, at regular distances, with the sparkling gems of the morning. One use then of this jagged shape of the leaves may be, to keep suspended the moisture for a longer time than would otherwise have happened ; but I wish to know, whether there be any natural cause of the globules of water being thus attracted and retained by the angular parts, or points of the leaves ?

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A NATURAL WEATHERGLASS.

When Robin sits on topmost spray,
He tells, it will be fair to-day ;
When lower down, he sits and sings,
He fears the rain will wet his wings.

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FOR several years past, the British and French governments have been mutually charging each other with violations of the Law of Nations. Hence, on the one hand, have arisen the Berlin and Milan decrees, and on the other, our Orders in Council ; each of them professing to be adopted in consequence of the violations committed by the other power. It is certainly no easy task to ascertain what the law of nations is. But in a late official publication from the French government on this subject, they appeal to the treaty of Utrecht. The contracting powers to that treaty were composed of the greatest part of the maritime powers of Europe ; and in this point of view, it may be well considered by them as an expression of maritime law, that was considered at that time as a fit and proper rule to govern their future intercourse on the